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Washington State Department of Agriculture

Food Safety Officer 1 Range 42 \$2789 - \$3631 per month

Covering Yakima, Benton and Franklin Counties.

Preferred Candidate to live around geographic areas and will work out of their home

Come Join our Diverse and Dedicated Team

The Washington State Department of Agriculture serves the people of Washington State by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection.

The Department employs over 500 employees on a permanent basis and up to 200 additional employees on a nonpermanent basis for various seasonal work load needs in jobs ranging from brand inspectors, grain inspectors, and food safety officers, to computer information consultants and accountants. Offices and employees are located throughout the state.

The Food Safety Program strives to protect the public from injury and illness caused by food products that are contaminated, adulterated or otherwise unfit for consumption. This is accomplished primarily through surveillance, regulation and inspection of the dairy industry, egg industry, and the food processing and storage industry. Staff conducts more than 13,000 inspections and tests each year, including sampling food products, which are analyzed for pathogens, pesticide residues and standards. The program also investigates consumer complaints, and responds as needed to recalls, foodborne illness investigations and other food-related emergencies.

We offer:

- 11 Paid Holidays
- Sick and Vacation Leave
- Retirement
- Health, Dental and Vision
- Life and Long Term Disability
- (Optional) Dependent Care Assistance and Deferred Compensation Programs
- Free Training
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Employee Recognition
- And Much More

DUTIES: Performs inspections, investigations and/or surveillance of establishments that manufacture, process, hold or transport food products intended for public consumption. Ensures compliance with the various licensing requirements for facility design, processing, sanitation, and product labeling. Assists with food product recalls and trace backs, food borne illness investigations and emergency response functions. Recommends and may apply enforcement action. May provide expert-witness testimony.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelor's degree involving major study in microbiology, food science, public health, biochemistry, dairy science, or a natural science in a closely allied field. (For those who will be graduating soon, a bachelor's degree must be provided prior to final hiring).

NOTE: This position works out of their home and must be able to travel. A valid driver's license is required.

As a condition of employment, this position is covered under a collective bargaining agreement. Employees are required to pay regular union dues or non-association fees (due to religious tenets) within 30 calendar days following employment.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- This position may require moving objects and material weighing as much as 50 pounds.
- Applicant must be capable of performing the essential duties of the position with or without accommodation.
- Must be able to work in inclement weather conditions and work in an industrial or animal setting, negotiate wet or uneven surfaces, loud noises, and strong odors and maintain safety awareness/precautions.
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule with the possibility of extended hours.
- Must be able to travel with occasional overnight stays.

HOW TO APPLY – DO NOT APPLY THROUGH CAREERS.WA.GOV

- Send a letter describing your interest in this position including how your knowledge, skills and abilities meet the qualifications and requirements
- Send an application (<http://www.dop.wa.gov/Pages/forms.aspx>) showing employment history, experience and education.
- Three professional references with current telephone numbers
- Answers to the questions below

Send full packet no later than **June 30, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.** to:

Linda Pentt, Human Resource Consultant
P.O. Box 42560
Olympia, WA 98504-2560 or e-mail hr@agr.wa.gov or fax to (360) 902-1821

For more information about our agency and its mission,, visit our Web site at

www.agr.wa.gov

The State of Washington actively supports diversity in the workplace and is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants who need assistance in the application process or who need this announcement in an alternative format may call (360) 902-1979 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf at 800-833-6388

1. This position may require moving objects and materials weighing as much as 50 pounds. Can you do this?
YES NO
2. The incumbent must be able to work in: an industrial or animal setting; inclement weather conditions or extreme temperatures; the presence of loud noises, and strong or unpleasant odors and maintain safety awareness/precautions. Can you do this?
YES NO
3. The incumbent must be able to work on, under, or around large machinery and moving parts; Climb stairs, ladders / work from high places; negotiate wet or uneven surfaces; spend several hours daily on your feet walk and maintain safety awareness/precautions. Can you do this?
YES NO
4. This position must be able to work a flexible schedule with the possibility of extended hours. Can you do this?
YES NO
5. The incumbent must be able to travel frequently with occasional overnight stay, and for extended periods of time (e.g. one week). Can you do this?
YES NO
6. This position may need to utilize their personal vehicle (*with financial reimbursement*) if or when an assigned state vehicle is not available. Can you do this?
YES NO
7. This position may need to Perform light maintenance on program's equipment and vehicles Can you do this?
YES NO
8. This position must be capable of working out of their home as their official workstation. Can you do this?
YES NO
9. This position must be capable of performing the essential duties of the position with or without accommodation. Can you do this?
YES NO
10. The incumbent must have a valid Washington State driver's license. Do you have or can you do this?
YES NO
11. Describe your experience working in the food production, processing or related industry. Please include details on the type of work your level of involvement and your typical responsibilities.
12. .A majority of time will be spent working with consumers, business owners and employees of businesses. Describe any work in which you communicated and interacted with business owners, employees, consumers or others in the regulated community.
13. Briefly describe how you used your communication skills. Include an example of a typical situation in which you used your skills.
14. Describe your computer skills and any experience you have with databases. Include all programs/databases that you are familiar with and your level of competency.
15. Describe any work in which you created documents or written communications, such as spreadsheets, letters or reports.
16. List any college or other training courses you have successfully completed in the following areas. For each course you list, specify the course title, school, and date completed:
 - a. Food Science, dairy science, or food processing
 - b. Biological or Microbiological science
 - c. Chemistry
 - d. Other natural sciences
 - e. Public Health, Environmental Health or environmental sciences
 - f. Technical or business writing